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**Remarks:**

The Bureau of the Budget has requested our comment on the substitute bill. Since this has been designated by BOB as a "priority matter" we would appreciate having your views by Friday, 27 September.

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**Office of Legislative Counsel**

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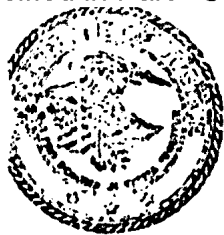
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**Office of the Attorney General**  
**Washington, D. C.**

**The Speaker  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.**

**Dear Mr. Speaker:**

There is attached for your consideration and appropriate action a legislative proposal to authorize the expenditure of appropriated funds of the Department of Justice for insurance covering the operation of motor vehicles in foreign countries.

If an employee of the Department of Justice, while operating a motor vehicle in a foreign country on official business, becomes involved in a collision, which causes personal injury or property damage, there is no provision of law whereby the Department may pay damages to a third party. Employees of the Department, particularly those in the Immigration and Naturalization Service, are stationed in overseas countries and in connection therewith are required to operate motor vehicles. Also, such officers who are stationed in the United States at points along the borders use automobiles on a day-to-day basis, and it is necessary to use such vehicles in entering Canada and Mexico for the purpose of performing their official duties.

It is our view that there should be some provision for protecting employees operating motor vehicles in foreign countries on official business. Furthermore, some countries, where employees of the Department operate motor vehicles, have compulsory liability insurance laws. Failure by the United States to assume responsibility in third-party claims as a result of the operation of vehicles

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in a foreign country could cause embarrassment for this country and could conceivably result in international incidents. For the protection of the employee, to avoid embarrassment or unfavorable publicity for the United States, and in order for our employees to comply with the laws of countries where they operate vehicles while on official business, approval of this proposal is recommended.

The purchase of insurance affecting the operation of approximately 209 vehicles is presently contemplated, including all vehicles located permanently in foreign countries and only those vehicles located in the United States which are frequently operated in Canada and Mexico. It is estimated that the cost of insurance to cover operation of these vehicles would be \$7,000 annually or an average of \$33 per vehicle.

This proposal is similar to legislation applicable to the Foreign Quarantine Division of the United States Public Health Service, the United States Information Agency, the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, The American Battle Monuments Commission, the Department of Defense, and the Department of State.

The Department of Justice urges the prompt and favorable consideration of this legislation.

The Bureau of the Budget has advised that there is no objection to the submission of this recommendation from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

Sincerely,

Attorney General

A BILL

To authorize the expenditure of appropriated funds for insurance covering the operation of motor vehicles in foreign countries.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, appropriations for the departments, agencies and independent establishments, including wholly owned Government corporations, shall be available, under such regulations as the President may prescribe, for payment of premiums or fees for contracts of indemnification or insurance of officers, employees and agents for their liability, or that of the United States (except for claims cognizable under 10 U.S.C. 2734 and 14 U.S.C. 645), resulting from the operation of motor vehicles by them, while in the scope of their employment, in foreign countries.

Sec. 2. Upon the effective date of such regulations, the following provision of law is repealed:

Subsection (a) of Section 3 of the Act of August 1, 1956 (70 Stat. 890).

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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. .... introduced the following bill; which was referred to  
the Committee on .....

**A BILL**

To authorize the expenditure of appropriated funds of the  
Department of Justice for insurance covering the operation  
of motor vehicles in foreign countries.  
(Insert title of bill here)

- 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the*
- 2 *United States of America in Congress assembled,*

That the Act of July 28, 1950 (64 Stat. 380; 5 U.S.C. 341  
et seq.), as amended, is amended by adding at the end  
thereof the following new section:

Sec. 9. Appropriations now or hereafter  
provided for the Department of Justice shall be  
available for payment of premiums or fees for  
contracts of indemnification or insurance of  
Department officers, employees and agents for  
their liability, or that of the United States,  
resulting from the operation of motor vehicles  
by them, while in the scope of their employment,